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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 15 Emergency order 17, 18

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an announcement for commercial permit holders in the Naknek/Kvichak and Egegik Districts. The time is <u>12:00 p.m.</u> and the date is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 26</u>, <u>2012</u>.

The cumulative sockeye escapement through 6:00 a.m. this morning for the Naknek River was 55,000 and 1,000 sockeye for the Kvichak River.

The Naknek-Kvichak District will open to set gillnet gear for an 8.5-hour period from 5:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 27. The Naknek Section of the Naknek-Kvichak District will open to drift gillnet gear for a 7.5-hour period from 6:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday June 27.

In Egegik- Catch from yesterday's opener was 200,000. Through June 25 escapement at the tower is 61,000. The inriver test fishery indicates an increase in escapement large enough to justify additional fishing time.

Commercial fishing with set gillnet gear will be permitted in the Egegik District beginning 5:00 p.m. Tuesday June 26, until 1:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 27.....an 8 hour opener. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be allowed from-5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Tuesday June 26....a 6 hour opener.

The next announcement for the Naknek/Kvichak District will be 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 27. Egegik fishermen should not go dry and stand by at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday June 27.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

Read on SSB 2509 and VHF 07: June 26, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

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